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THE REPLY FILED 04 November 2004 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
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1. ☐ A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
(a) ☐ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
(b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
(c) ☐ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
(d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____.

3. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
4. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. ☒ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☒ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: see the note
6. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. ☒ For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) ☒ will not be entered or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: None.

Claim(s) objected to: None.

Claim(s) rejected: 8-18.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: None.

8. ☐ The drawing correction filed on _____ is a) ☐ approved or b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
9. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.
10. ☒ Other: See attachment

Advisory Action

This office action is in response to the after-final request for reconsideration filed on November 04, 2004. Applicant's request for consideration has been fully considered but they are not persuasive because of the following reasons:

1. The applicant in regards to claim 8 argue that the cited prior art (CPA) [MICALI U.S. Patent 5,666,420] does not disclose "authentication certificate authenticating that the encrypted first digital data is an encryption of the first digital data", the first party ... sending the encrypted first digital data and the authentication certificate to the second party" and "the second party verifying that the encrypted first digital data is an encryption of the first digital data using the authentication certificate. These arguments are not found persuasive.


MICALI discloses a communication method between a first and second party exchanging authentication without any participation of the trusted party, that is, mutual authentication (Column 3 lines 37 – 67) and that once the authentication is established, the digital data could be exchanged in an unencrypted form or encrypted form (Column 11 lines 25 – 67). MICALI teaches that the first party sending the encrypted first digital data and authentication certification to the second party and the second party verifying that the encrypted first digital data is an encryption of the first digital data using the authentication certificate (digitally signed receipt and/or acknowledgement) (Column 3 line 61 – Column 4 line 27; Column 5 lines 46 – 48 and Column 9 lines 4 – 41).

Furthermore, MICALI discloses that the party's exchange a receipt (certificate) (Column 4 lines 1 – 10) and both parties, if needed, receives "a certification" from a trusted party which can be used to exchange digital data (Column 9 line 60 – Column 10 line 11) in subsequent communications.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pramila Parthasarathy whose telephone number is 571-272-3866. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday – Friday (8:00am – 5pm).

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